HAMBERS' BILL.

lete Common School Code Pre-red by the Member from Tarrant.

portant Checks to the Spread Lawlessness in Texas.

ouse Astride the Everlasting rhed Wire Fence Question.

or Ireland's Response to an Charge Against Americans.

Session-Political Bosh of Old Lady of the Sea.

n, January 30.—The senate, now already known, did a good ork yesterday. Early in the g session the school bill was p, read by sections, and agreed contains 103 sections, is a companyon, school, code, and sections, and agreed contains to sections. contains to common school code and es-ommon school code and es-s a splendid system. It is the soduced by Mr. Chambers, with

ch changes as were necessary it symmetry and harmony. Mr. Chambers had valuable aid it symmetry and valuable aid oring this bill, and makes ortensions to its sole by he certainly deserves dit and the gratitude of the for devoting his attention to bject, for bringing forward the sand for persistent and effective in getting it through the area both branches of the ure, for it will certainly get to ernor before the session closes. In all other measures fail, this groad bills already passed will extra session, and live in the for the people as monuments to mory of the Eighteenth legislates of Mr. Chamand he can repose on pets of Mr. Cham-and he can repose on ive laurels as expanding as the

s of the school system and as og as the roads. These laws may be regarded as I and important links in the to check lawlessness, protect and secure peace and prosperi-he country. The road law is with especial view to the con-e and necessities of the people, or removal of one of the vexatious of fence-cutting. Hereafter he neonvenienced and aggrieved lack of roads, or rather, upon lled roads, will have no excuse ing the nippers to his neigh-ence, but will be at liberty to matize the commissioners.

chool system is believed to be perfection as legislative wis capable of producing. It is in spects an improvement on the espects an improvement on the labilished systems, but follows nearly the Missouri than any. The machinery is admirable ith efficient superintendents to in operation and keep it moving templated by the framers, there arcely be a doubt that results to achieved commensurate with pense and worthy the great fostures upon which it rests. The trust upon which it rests. The generation will be educated, ough religious teaching is tech-prohibited by the constitution common schools, it may safely umed that a higher standard of s and a clearer understanding of ilosophy of meum et tuum will

house is in travail astride the ence, with the penitentiary on le and county jails on the other. ster's substitute for the first seco inclose lands belonging to anor school, asylum or university but it met with vigorous opposind was discussed till the hour of mment. The fight will be resumed norning, and the compromise tute will probably be adopted; norning, and the compromise tute will probably be adopted; bether it be or not the section as led is practically a nullity and becauter will ply his trade with the fear of the penitentiary. The section will either be stricken inded so as to restrict to any in the judicial district within the offerse is computited or in the offense is committed or in joining district, but the indict-to be first had in the county the offense is committed. There wever, an aggressive effort to he law ef venue as it is, and a ble majority in favor of that was clearly developed in yesterallotings. The attempt to send ce-cutters to Travis county for oo monstrous for patient disand will not prevail. effort of the Mexican authorities

en the Mexican National train on American citizens residing a merican citizens residing is for the reason that the robe oke English, is met by Gov. I with the simple and sensible hat the evidence is insufficient. are many persons residing the Mexican side of the Rio who speak English, and robbers employed the vigorous vernacular to make their wants and enforce their ds is not regarded by his excelas even prima facie evidence bey were citizens of this com-calth, and he therefore declines and rangers and detectives the of them till better proof is Ayres' house bill to prohibit

ations, except railway corpora-romacquiring lands by purchase, romacquiring lands by purchase, 540 acres, is most favorably rel, and will probably go through, ac allows. It is an important re, but strikes only at future rs. The acquiring of lands by ate syndicates is the most one scheme to revive the law of scheme to revive the law of at and entsil, and is at war with at Americanism that animated thers of the republic to strike for for the homeless and lands for

governor still adheres to to his nation not to call another exdon, unless some great emergen-less between this and next

political prognostics telegraphed the capital to a daily paper before last are the bosh. The mention Peter Smith's name in connec-ith a probable candidacy for the atorial nomination is a suggest laisehood no less gratuitous and usable than the rest of the stupid tion. Political aspirants will by find it necessary to negotiate that paper for terms to be let since its touch is hurtful and its able mention is disastrous.

A Mare Dead. w York, January 30.—The famous i mare, Midnight, dam of Jay-See and Noonlide, died at Palo on the 19th, aged 19.

A DARK HORSE.

Ogden Looming Up for the Vacant Federal Judgeship-A Stunner to His Party. Special to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.—Considerable talk was indulged in among federal officials to-day by the announcement from Washington of the entrance of a dark horse in the race for the judgeship vacated by Morrell, in the person of Charles Ogden of San Antonio, Fears are expressed that he will win the prize, and a prominent Republican official remarked that he would rather see Ballinger get it. It is charged that railroad influences are at the bottom of Ogden's candidacy, he being an attorney for the Gould system in Texas, and his chief backer, Ira Evans, a land agent for the International railway. It is believed that Arthur, finding that he would give offense to rival candidates by the appointment of either of the other applicant, and thus build up an opposition in Texas to his renomination, will attempt to avert the storm by giving the position to some one not mixed up to the fight, who it is anticipated will the position to some one not mixed up in the fight, who, it is anticipated will

THE DAY'S SENSATION.

A War of Words Between Two Fiery Members-No Gore in Sight.

Austin, January 30.—The chief sen-sation of the session was the hostile demonstrations made on the floor of the house this morning between Rep-resentatives Foster of Limestone and Hazlewood of Delta. The intimation of the former, on closing his retort to the language of the latter, that he could be found whenever wanted out-side the representative chamber, was construed as inviting a challenge, and when Mr. Hazlewood excused himself when Mr. Hazlewood excused himself this evening on account of sickness, rumors of a prospective belligerent meeting began to thicken. Both men were known to possess plenty of cour-age, and it was doubted whether the bitter language used in the debate could have any termination save in a duel. By the intervention of mutual friends this evening, however, the matter was amicably settled, and the gentlemen parted friends.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Prof. Mallett's Probable Succession Other Chairs to be Created.

pecial to the Gazette.

Austin, January 30.-The executive committee of the university regents will meet within a few days, probably will meet within a few days, probably next week, when the question of se-lecting a successor to Prof. Mallett, it is believed, will be finally settled. The gentleman most prominently men-tioned in this connection is Prof. Jap of London, England, a scholar of distinction and well fitted to adorn any institution of learning. It is pos-sible that two new chairs will be created, physics and mineralogy and geology, and among those who are being considered in this connection are the two LeCouts of California. The board will have a number of distinguished educators from which to make their selection, but the gentlemen named are regarded as the probable appointees.

WACO.

A Rencounter-Rumored Fallure-The Female College-More Fence-Cutting.

Special to the Gazette. Waco, January 30.-W. T. Harris, sheriff of this county, and J. M. Drake, naking it felony to cut fence on a job printer, had a rencounter this af-

leaner for cutting on land not was preparing to use it, when by-fence-builder's land or on land standers interfered. Drake gave bond lied by him, her or it, seems to for his appearance.

a just distinction and to be continued that the act making it an of-

Hillsboro, have made an assignment, and that two or three Waco houses are caught. Waco Female college, the Southern Methodist educational institution here,

will spend \$6,000 in building improve ments, work to commence at once. The fence-cutting item wired you last night turns out correct. Mr. W. R. Kellum's, six miles from Waco. Six miles of wire were de-

stroyed.
Mr. H. F. Sillean has been appointed manager of the Bradstreet Mercantile agency at this point.
The Missouri Pacific officials passed

through to San Antonio. No news as to reduction of the force here. City assessments point to a \$5,000, 000 values roll this year, an increase of

\$500,000 over last year. Roland Reed is playing "Cheek" to

Summerish weather for two days. HILLSBORO.

A Marriage-Failure of a Dry Goods Firm-Personal and Local Paragraphs.

pecial to the Gazette.

Hillsboro, January 30 .- Mr. O. W. Ellington was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Clara Mosley this evening by Rev. R. E. Cooper. The ceremony took place at the bride's home, Mr. Ed. Reeves' house. Mr. W. H. Ellington of Pilot Point

is in the city on a visit.

The failure of a prominent dry goods firm here is much regretted by all of our citizens. Full particulars will

Soon be furnished.

The candy pulling at Mrs. Bond's residence last night, given by the Ladies' Aid society, was a very enjoyable

The county court meets on Monday

next. A full docket is on hand to be disposed of.

A new dry goods firm is one of the things in the near future.

The telephone manager at this place is going to out the husiness because it. is going to quit the business because it

does not pay.

Hill county can boast of as fine stock as any county in the state. Mr. Thos. Myles, the owner of "Buckskin," the Worth, is wintering "Buckskin" here. Buckskin is a Hill county horse, and is only four years old and promises to turn out all competors.

A Bank Suspends.

Denver, Col., January 30.—After a heavy run the Merchants & Mechanics bank of Leadville suspended this afternoon and was immediately attached for \$37,000. More attachments will follow. No estimate of liabilities or what it will probable pay what it will probably pay is at present obtainable. This leaves but one bank in Leadville, the Carbondale.

A Steamer Disabled.

Baltimore, January 30.—The pilot steamship Carolina reports the steamer Heathmore at the mouth of the Patap sco river, having lost three blades of her propeller at sea and another in Craig Hill channel. She was bound from New Orleans for Amsterdam. Assistance has gone to her.

A DAY AT DALLAS.

Strike of Employes on the Texas & St. Louis Narrow Gauge Road.

Another Attempted Assassination-Sto-Ien Property Recovered.

Current Topics of the Time and Local Happenings.

Special to the Gazette.

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Dallas, Texas, January 30.—Passengers from the east to-night report a general strike of the train forces on the Texas & St. Louis Narrow Gauge railroad, and that it extends through Arkansas and Texas. United States mail cars only are allowed to move. The strike is for the payment of over-due salaries.

Henry Dean, while riding through Simon Henry Dean, while riding through the business part of the city this morn-ing about two o'clock, was shot through the right leg and dangerously wounded. There is no clew to who did the shooting. This is the third attempt this week to assassinate people by un-

this week to assassinate people by unknown parties.

Miss M. L. Minor of Dallas was robbed on the night of January 14th, of a gold watch and chain, a pair of bracelets, \$18 in money and a small satchel in which she had deposited the articles. City Marshal Arnold to-day returned Miss Minor all her property except the money, having found a part of it at Fort Worth and the balance in Colorado City, where the thieves had disposed of it. No clew as to who the thieves are.

A new-comer from Tennessee, named P. A. Rambo, was "worked" by a confidence crook, who played the racket of engaging him to go to New Mexico to drive a team. The swindler then borrowed all the money the verdant youth possed, thirty dollars, to pay their expenses out to New Mexico, and then disappeared. After waiting till this expenses.

their expenses out to New Mexico, and then disappeared. After waiting till this evening Rambo reported to the sheriff's office and the swindler was soon found and committed to the county jail. He gives his name as W. F. Schroeder. He was fully identified by Rambo. A part of the money was returned to the victim.

Sock cattle in the western part of the county are dying in considerable numbers from a disease that stockmen are not familiar with and which cannot be made to yield to treatment. Stock are taken with a sudden sickness similar to that caused by eating buckeye

similar to that caused by eating buckeye and die in a few hours. A meeting of farmers and stockmen was held to-day at Grand Prairie to see if a remedy could not be devised to check or cure the disease, which is spreading rap-

idly.

Alexander Cockrell has just fenced in a 4,000 acre pasture and will inclose 7,200 more twelve miles west of Dallas. The 4,000 acres is for a breed-ing ranch; the 7,200 acres for young

ing ranch; the 7,200 acres for young stock cattle. He reports his section free from fence-cutting.

The great cutton swindle and railroad embezzlement cases against Lohnstein, Cammack and Easton were called this morning in the district court and passed, or rather continued till the next term. The cause of this seems to be that the cases are so ponderous in size and details that neither the state or the defendants' attorneys have yet been able to get down into the merits, or rather demerits of them. A coat-thief named Hunter stole that A coat-thief named Hunter stole that

A coat-thief named Hunter slote that particular garment from a tree peddler named Kelly to-day, was classed by officers nearly a mile, captured and lodged in jail.

Johnny Messmore, the lost boy, was found late last night.

Dallas is still stirring on the state Odd Fellows' temple and will make a formidable effort to secure it at the Fort Worth meeting next week. The pro-

Worth meeting next week. The pro-moters of the scheme express confidence of success.

The grand jury convened to-day.

Everybody is consequently on the qui vice for new sensational developments in the cotton swindles. A true bill was to-day returned against Joe Forsythe, charged with assault with intent to kill Sam Bills.

He expects a trial to-morrow.

T. L. Belt was acquitted in the dis-

trict court to-day of the charge of stealing a horse from S. R. Sealy of

The scarlet women of the city were arraigned in the mayor's court this morning and assessed the regulation

The residence of Robert Pardy on Bryan street was entered by a burglar Monday night, but the visitor was frightened away by Mrs. Purdy awaking and inquiring who was there.

A gentleman arrived in the city
day on the trail of some thieves w stole four horses from parties at nut Springs, Bosque county, Monday

Ashten Pryor has been appointed in the room of Policeman Noland, who was dismissed by the police board

Monday.

News reached here to-night of a clash between horse thieves and officers near Waxabachie in Ellis county. Two men offered a number of horses for sale in Waxahachie for which they could not produce satisfactory evidence of ownership. One of the men named Hickey was arrested on suspicion of being a horse thief; the other, name not learned, fled, pursued by Dep-uty Sheriff John Meredith. A fight took place three miles from Waxahachie, in which the thief's Waxahachie, in which the thief's horse was wounded and captured. The rider shot Deputy Sheriff Meredith through the thigh, and he is in a critical condition. Sheriff Brawley is in pursuit with a posse of men and pack of blood-hounds. It is thought Meredith's posse wounded the desperate fugitive. He will undoubtedly be killed or captured.

HOUSTON.

Discovery of a Dead Body-Basy Burglars-An Attemyt to Escape from

Special to the Gazette.

Houston, Tex., January 30.—To-day some boys discovered the mutilated body of a man whose clothes indicated he was a tramp on the prairie near Gamisland. Both his legs were cut off, and his neck was broken by a blow. Nothing about the body gives a clew as to how or why the deed was committed, but it is supposed that he may have quarreled with his fellows, and they killed him. An old pistol and a Vermillion ville, La., paper were found on the body.

Two attempts were made by professional cracksmen to blow open safes last night. The safe of the floar mills had two holes bored into it, and was ruined by powder. Falling to obtain an entrance, the burglars entered the office of Finnigan & Paine, but before they commenced to work, the watchmen frightened them off, leaving their tools and papers of powder.

Jailer Youngst last night frustrated an attempt to break jail. Hearing a noise, he investigated and found that Zerbe, the counterfeiter, had cut almost through the bars of his cell. Five small steel saws were discovered. Several persons were in the plot.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Conflicting Interests Fatal to the Federal Court Bill-Notes of the Day.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, D. C., January 30.—
On the bill to locate a branch of the United States court at some point in Northern Texas, the judiciary committee to-day heard Rogers of Arkansas, Throckmorton, Culberson and Judge Lindsey of Texas, and Stanley of the Choctaw Nation. The impression is that the bill will be defeated by conflicting interests. conflicting interests.

TEXAS POSTOFFICES. John Haynes was commissioned post-master at Round Rock, and Charles Schmidt at Bracken, Comal county.

SIMON CAMERON'S SOUTHERN TOUR. Most of the Pennsylvania politicians Most of the Pennsylvania politicians in the city deny the statement that Simon Cameron has gone to Texas and the Southwest for political purposes. They declare that the rumors to that effect studiously circulated in Washington are pure and simple falsehoods. A prominent member of the Pennsylvania delegation remarked to the GAZETTE correspondent to-day that he could not understand how such reports could possibly gain headway. "Why," said he, "I know Cameron intimately and am certain that he has gone away purely for his health and gone away purely for his health and to recuperate his energy. He cares less than most people think for politics and politicians. The story that he is exerting his influence with Southern Republicans in the interest of Bob Lincoln or any other man is whelled

Lincoln or any other man is wholly nonsense. It is doubtful in my mind if he has ever met any noted Southern Republican in a social way." By Associated Press.
POSTMASTERS.

Washington, January 30.—Postmasters—James B. Budd, Houma, Louisiers—James B. Budd, Houma, Louisiana; Niel Sinclair, Morgan City, Louisiana; Carrel Ballinger, Luling, Texas; James H. Ashieroft, Paducah, Kentucky, Harry W. Grantley, Appleton City, Missouri; Lindell C. Cantwell, Richmond, Missouri; Adrian C. Case, Albany, Missouri, Mercator Jessep, Dardanelle, Arkansas; Benjamin McEiroy, Frankfort, Kansas; N. A. Yeager, Augusta, Kansas; George Huyck, Ellsworth, Kansas.

THE MACKAY FUNERAL.

All public busine s is suspended in the senate and house, and the funeral ceremonies of the late Congressman Mackay of South Carolina are progressing in the hall of the house of repre-sentatives in the presence of the mem-bers of both branches of the national legislature.
A CONTEST DISMISSED.

The house committee on elections

dismissed consideration of the con-tested election cases of Janin vs. Hunt from Louisiana, on the ground that the evidence of the former was not inroduced within the time prescribed FITZ JOHN PORTER.

The Fitz John Porter debate will be closed Friday, or at latest Saturday. In the course of debate last Saturday, Gen. Slocum, who has charge of the Gen. Slocum, who has charge of the bill, interrupted Hoar to say he had in his possession the original letters of Gen. Garfield. He was in favor of the commission. Gen. Slocum said further: "These letters will be produced before this house by a gentleman on your own side, and in whom you have confidence." It is learned the Republican to whom Gen. Slocum. confidence." It is learned the Republican to whom Gen. Slocum referred is Phelps of New Jersey, who is to close the debate in defense of Porter. General Slocum, on moving the previous question, will yield his hour to Phelps, who was selected as an old friend of General Porter, and because the latter has since the war been a resident of New Jersey and the district which Phelps represents in district which Phelps represents in congress. It is understood the friends of General Porter have placed in the hands of Phelps private letters and other new evidence from notable char-seters which will flath, and acters, which will flatly and authori-tatively contradict various assertions made by the opponents of the Porter

GOVERNOR MURRAY.

Representative White of Kentucky testified before the house committee on expenditures of the department of justice to-day in reference to his assertion. tion in the house last week concerning the present governor of Utah. He re-ferred to the charge of irregularities in office by Murray while he was United States marshal of Kentucky, and said the government had been wronged out of thousands of dellars in consequence of expenses incurred by fruitless and unnecessary prosecutions agalost citizens of the United States, by which they were harassed and imbittered against the government and its offi-cers. False and fictitious charges for guards were made, and numerous prosecutions had been instituted for the most trivial violations of law, and parties were taken from remote parts of the state to Louisville, passing en route commissioners who could have heard their cases on preliminary ex-amination. This was, he said, not in the interest of the government, but apparently for no other reason than to

Washington, D. C., January 30.—A petition was presented signed by 4,000 citizens of the District of Columbia and other petitions signed by a large number of citizens of the territories of Washington, Dakota and Idaho, all praying for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of slephalic liquors in the district and of alcoholic liquors in the district and

erritories.

Hall called up the report of the committee of conference of both houses re-lating to the Greely relief expedition.
The report recommends that the senate recede from its amendment requiring only persons who volunteer for the service shall be detailed for the expe-dition.

Sherman stated that if he had known that the bill, when it was presented, authorized the secretary of the navy to order any man outside the line of his duty to take his life in his hands, as would be the case in such an expedition as this, he would not have voted for it.

Saulsbury was opposed to giving any man, whether secretary of the navy or president, authority to order or assign men arbitrarily for a voyage so perilous, while others would gladly volunteer for the purpose. He did not know that the secretary of the navy would assign any man to the work who would not be perfectly willing, but if the secretary watted to punish any officer, such assignment would afford an opportunity. He remembered the fate of Lieutenant Herndon, whose exploration of the Amazon reman, whether secretary of the navy or president, authority to order or assign bered the fate of Lieutenant Herndon, whose exploration of the Amazon reflected so much credit on the country, and he remembered that a brave officer was assigned to take charge of the vessel against whose seaworthiness he unavailingly protested, and in consequence of that assignment lost his life.

Hale dissented from the views expressed by the senator from Delaware. He hoped the spirit of the navy would be tested in this matter, and the senate recede from its amendment.

Ingalis hoped the senate would not recede.

At one o'clock the chair informed the senate that the hour bad arrived to attend the funeral ceremonies of the late representative Mackey, and the senators thereupon proceeded in a body to the hall of the house, and on their return adjourned.

Washington, January 30.—Young, chairman of the committee of expenditures of the interior department, reported the resolution empowering the committee on investigation of the work at Hot Springs creek to send for persons and papers, and to send the government sanitary engineer to Hot Springs, Ark., to inspect the work and report whether the work being done is hurtful to the health of adjacent

Holman offered an amendment di-Holman offered an amendment directing the committee to investigate the general management of the government property at Hot Springs, embracing leases made and all matters connected therewith. Adopted, and resolution agreed to.

Rogers, from the committee on post-offices and post roads, reported the resolution calling on the postmaster-general for all reports made by special agents of the postoffice department to the postmaster-general during 1881, having reference to the star route investigation, which have not heretorer been published. Adopted.

hurtful to the health of adjacent

The following reports were submitted from committees: Hatch of Missouri, from committee on agriculture—
To establish a bureau of animal indus.

try to prevent the spread of diseases of domestic animals. Placed on house Lyman, from the committee on military affairs—Retirement of H. J. the he Hunt, in the rank of major-general. Placed on private calendar. Money, from the committee on post-isted by

Money, from the committee on postoffices and postroads—Regulating rates
of postage on second-class mail matter
at letter carrier offices. Placed on
house calendar. It makes the rate
uniform at two cents per pound.

Hardeman, from the committee on
territories—Townshend's bill providing that no territory shall apply for
admission as a state until it contains a
population equal to that required in a
congressional district. Placed on
house calendar.

The bour of loclock having arrived

house calendar.

The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived public business was suspended and arrangements for the funeral ceremonies of the late E. W. Mackey of South Carolina were made. At five minutes past 1 the senate was announced, and as the members of that body filed down the main aisle seats were assigned to them, while the members of the house remained standing as a mark of respect. The funeral profences had been recently cut. mark of respect. The funeral pro-cession did not reach the capitol until about 2:15, preceded by the pall-bearers and the joint com-mittee of arrangements, followed by many sorrowing friends. The casket with the remains was borne into the with the remains was borne into the chamber and placed upon a support in front of the speaker's desk. Selections from the bible were read by Rev. Dr. E. D. Huntley, and an appropriate address delivered by Rev. Dr. B. Rush Shiphen of the Unitarian church. After benediction by the chaplain of the house the funeral procession left the chamber. The members of the senate having retired, the house then senate having retired, the house then

MURDER AND MYSTERY.

A Hunter Shot and Killed in His Cabin by Unknown Parties.

Character of the Dead Man and His Lonely Life on the Sea Shore.

names of the perpetrators are con-cerned, was enacted on the east bay shore at a point in Galveston county known as Stevens' Lake, and distant from the city of Galveston twenty-five This from one of the most intelligent miles. The particulars of the affair, as and cor gleaned by your correspondent from lature. different sources to-day, are as follows:

Last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock, as Lewis McComb was sitting at the table eating his supper in the residence of Mrs. Richard Barrows, a gun or pistol rang out upon the air, and with a single gasp the doomed man fell from his seat and rolled out of the open doorway, near which his chair had been placed. Mrs. Barrows and the children, who were the only occupants of the room besides McComb at the time, ran to the fallen man's assistance, and were horrified to find upon reaching him that he was dead.

Mrs. Barrows' sons were in the yard, and hearing the report of fire arms started for the house. As they came in view of the doorway they saw two men walk away and Campaign documents for the state disappear in the darkness. Justice election are being prepared and the Charles Ely of Smith's Point was notified of the killing, and summoning a soon. ned of the killing, and summoning a jury proceeded to hold an inquest on the remains. After listening to the ev-idence, the jury returned the following verdict: The deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound fired either from a pistol, shot-gun or rifle at the hands of some unknown

party. Lewis McComb, the murdered man, Lewis McComb, the murdered man, twas about thirty-five or thirty-six years of age. He had been a resident of the state of Texas for the past ten years, and for the last four years has been in the employ of the Mess's. Barrows, a tamily of hanters who supply this market with large quantities of game during the season. McComb's business was to transfer the game from the bay shore to this city, where he disposed of it to Mr. Wm. E. Nelson, the Twenty-First street game dealer. He made regular trips to this city and return, and on the day of the shooting he had arrived home from one of his voyages, having left here the day previous with a quantity of oprovisions. The deceased is described by parties as being a brutal man and hard person in general. Some time ago he was jalled in this city for having administered an unmerciful beating to a woman with whom he had been living. He was bailed out by Mr. Barrows, and continued at his previous of francording came. had been living. He was balled out by Mr. Barrows, and continued at his business of transporting game in the manner above noted. Shortly after his trouble with the white woman, it is said that he began living, when in the city, with a colored woman, and that no difficulty was known to exist between them.

that no difficulty was known to exist between them.

Some time ago the Barrows family separated, the mother and sons going together, and the father and a partner living some distance from them down the bay. Mr. Mc omb went with the boys, and continued with them to the hour of his death. He was not strictly speaking in their employ, as he received a commission for carrying and disposing of the game, the boys doing the hunting. The dead man is not known to have a mortal enemy in the world, although he was not considered a favorite among his

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class. It is reported that the weapon with which the deceased was shot was held so near his person that the clothing was scored by the burning powder. This would certainly indicate that the person who pulled the trigger was certain of his man, and committed the act in cold blood and with deep deliberation. The scene of the tragedy is an unpretentious hunter's color of the block prairie which marks the cas shore of the bay. The nearest settlement is Smith's Point, which is fully 6 miles distant from the Harrows home. There is a posteffice at the Point, but no telegraph correspondent to get further at this The country from Smith Form the Parrows' home, the scene of the praceix, is thinly settled, being dote data distance of a mile or more with hunter's cabins. Stockmen live it the neighborhood near the hunter and feuds are said to occasionally arise between them. However, appears known to have excabins. Stockmen eighborhood near id feuds are said rise between them. s in the state. Re on, but none co

Some affect to believe that McCon was mistaken for Barrows and killed

was mistaken for Barrows and killed by neighboring pasture men whose fences had been recently cut.

Hon. Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania, who is here on a pleasure trip, will probably visit San Antonio within the next two weeks.

The rumor that Jay Gould was about to absorb the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad and that Secretary Killeen had resigned is pronounced by Messrs. Sealy and Killeen to be a "tissue of falsehoods."

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Prespect of the State's Representation at New Orleans. The Hancock Resolutions-The Tw

Colored Members. Campaign Documents-Political Dots

Lamar's Representative. No Herd Law Possible--The Tax Rate Problem.

Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, January 30.—The mail boat which arrived from Smith's Point last night brings the intelligence that last Sunday evening just at dusk a terrible tragedy, which is at present shrouded in mystery so far as the animus which prempted the act or the language of the perpetrators are consequently of the perpetrators are consequently of the present of the perpetrators are consequently of t

and conservative members of the legis Those proposed Hancock resolutions seem to have bluffed the old war horse clear off the track. Now is the time for the vendor of liver pads to get in

his work. There is a born caricaturist flitting around the capitol in the person of a jolly, jovial journalist. One of his re-cent efforts put a staid and stoical senater in a towering rage, which ended however, in smothering itself.

however, in smothering itself.

In making a "diligent search" for vindication it is a sorry journal, indeed, that don't know where to search.

It can never be said of the two colored members of the house that they impede its business with a flow of "gab." In the light of recent events that is no mean recommendation for reelection in itself.

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The GAZETTE's house report Monday's proceedings unintentional-ly did Mr. Odom an injustice by the statement that "he designated the men who dug their way out of their inclos-ure as hell-hounds." What Mr. Odom really did say was to administer a scathing and deserved denunciation of the crime of fence-cutting.
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the journals against the too frequent repetition of that linguistic torpedo, "Mist-ah Speak-ah."

It seems to be accepted as a fact by common consent that the legislature has wasted a great deal of precious time in mere talk. Unless a remarkable change takes place immediately, it will have to be re-convened next Wednesday, or else affairs left in no better condition than at the beginning.

"This year will witness the warmest fight ever waged within the party ranks," is the opinion of a political sage, and from the way the clouds are drifting the indications are that he is not far wrong.

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Lamar county is ably represented in the house by Mr. T. C. Henderson. He never clogs the wheels of business with an intemperate flow of words, and generally votes right—the highest commendation that can be paid to any public servant.
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ENGLAND. SENSATIONAL DISPATCHES. London, January 30.—The Central News' sensational dispatch from Kharkhoff, alleging the discovery of a plot for poisoning the discovery of a plot for poisoning the czar and for a general uprising of peasantry in Little Russia, and asserting that special offi-cer Sabieloff, who was sent by Sudiken to Kharkhoff to investigate the Nihilists, had been assas-inated, is flatly contradicted by a St. Petersburg dis-patch to Reuter's Telegram Co. The dispatch asserts that nothing happen-ed at Kharkhoff beyond the discovery

of a secret printing press. BRADLAUGH. London, January 30.—Bradlaugh acquiesces in the suggestion of Labou-chere that he make no effort to take the oath on the opening of parliament, but remain below the bar. On lith of February, however, he will advance to the table of the house of commons to take the prescribed oath. Meanwhile, Northcote will make no motion hostile to Bradlaugh, and will not support any conservative, who does conservative who does

THE HANDICAPS.

London, January 30.—The following acceptances for the city and suburban handicaps are announced: J. R. Keene's Blue Grass; P. Lorrillard's Gerald, Sachem and Abbotsford, and F. S. Walton's Girofle.

For Chester cups, Lorrillard has accepted for Sachem; for the Northamptonshire stakes for Comanche, and for the Lincolnshire bandicap for Gerald and Abbotsford. Sutler is also among the acceptances for the last named handicap.

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Many Texas newspapers are now exhibiting to the citizens of their respective counties tabulated statements of the county finances. The statute demands it in terms too plain to be misunderstood, as follows:

Article 259. If the commissioners court of any county in this state shall willfully fall, neglector refuse to make, or cause to be made, a tabular statement of the assets, expenditures and indebtedness of such county, at each quarter of the year, specifying therein the names of creditors, and the items of indebtedness with their respective dates of accrual, and also the names of persons to whom moneys have been of indebtedness with their respective dates of accrual, and also the names of persons to whom moneys have been paid, with the amounts paid each, during the quarter for which such statement is prepared; or stall will-fully fall, neglect or refuse to post such statement made on the first day of July of each year, at the court house door of their county; or shall so fall, neglect or refuse to publish such quarterly statement made on the first day of January of such year, in some newspaper published in their county, or by Posting the same at four public places in the county, if there be no newspaper published in their county, or by Posting the same at four public places in the county, if there be no newspaper published therein, the members of said court so failing, neglecting or refusing shall be fined in any sum not less than \$20 nor more than \$100. (Penal Code.)

If this be a bad or expensive law, the best way to secure its repeal is to enforce it. But other counties carry out its provisions to the satisfaction of their citizens, and where the county officials do not perform their duty in this respect, the grand juries should remind them of it by indictment.

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